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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 14-39 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14-39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claim 3 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected embodiment, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 07-27-04.
2. Claims 14 & 26 are generic and allowable. Accordingly, the restriction requirement as to the encompassed species is hereby withdrawn and claims 15-21, 23, 25, 27-33, 35 & 37-39, directed to the species of Figs. 6a, c & d no longer withdrawn from consideration since all of the claims to this species depend from or otherwise include each of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Priority

3. This application appears to be a division of Application No. 09/917,703, filed 07-31-01. A later application for a distinct or independent invention, carved out of a pending application and disclosing and claiming only subject matter disclosed in an earlier or parent application is known as a divisional application or "division." The divisional application should set forth the portion of the earlier disclosure that is germane to the invention as claimed in the divisional application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

5. Claims 1-2 & 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Strom (US 6,239,665).

Re claims 1-2, Strom teaches a tuning circuit comprising (Fig.1A):

a first capacitor (118), a second capacitor (112), and an insulated gate field effect transistor (136) having a gate to receive a control signal, the first capacitor being connected between the source of the field effect transistor and a first node and the second capacitor having the same value as the first capacitor and being connected between the drain of the field effect transistor and a second node, wherein the first and second nodes are arranged so as to experience a balanced ac signal.

Re claim 4, Strom teaches a capacitor (114 & 116) connected between said nodes.

Re claim 5, Strom teaches an inductor (108 & 110) connected between said nodes.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 14-39 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the indication of allowability of claims 14-39 is inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of the insulated gate field effect transistor comprising source and drain regions within a surrounding region and gate electrode means provided over a channel or channels between said source and drain regions and over at least part of the boundary between said source and drain

regions and said surrounding region, said surrounding region being provided with ground connection means for connection to an AC ground. This limitation is found in claims 14 & 26 and is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donghee Kang whose telephone number is 571-272-1656. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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